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In another part of to-day's paper we print what such a fair, honest and unprejudiced commentator on current affairs as the New York Journal of Commerce, says of the deplorable napset Virginia now presents even to those who lock upon her with friendly and sympathetic eyes. Indeed it is mornifying that the old Commonwealth should be so reduced from her once high estate, and the General Assembly, whether regular or irregular, should adopt at ones some means of extricating her from the slough into which she has fallen, but in which she is restless, and from which she is anxious to That she is not as those without hope may be inferred from the following extract from what a writer in the Washington Star says "is a recent letter of a prominent and influential statesman of the 'Old Dominion:' "It is a curious fact, but a majority of the tax paying, property holding, people of Virginia are to favor of meeting the State obligations. The conservative party are for it, but there are factions men in its bosom, who become independent candidates, and appeal to the poorer classes against boodholders; and the republicans [the pegro mass] tend to support the independent against the regular nominee of the conservative | lomicant | party. * * # I do not be i ve Virginia will repudiate her debt. * * * My faith io old Virgicia is unshaken. My faith in new Virginia with the new elements of our political power is not so strong. But Virginia will ultimately right berself."

Mr. Jorgensen, the republican member of Congress from Virginia, who has just been reelected by an increased majority, has now an opportunity for setting the State he partially represents right before the northern sisterbood, which some men would avail themselves of so advantageously as to secure a last ing reputation. Nobody doubts his republicanism, and his testimony will be accepted where that of better men will be flouted with contemp. | fled to Turkestan. tuous score. The proposed congressional investigation of imaginary frauds and intimidations at the late elections in the South will afford him occasion to say that in the only distrist in the State in which the negroes are in a decided majority, so far were they from being defrauled or intimidated that they not only voted for the man of their choice, and had their votes properly counted, but that they received material support from the democrats in the district who were opposed to the greenback vagary. Let him, a pronounced republican, of his own direct knowledge, contradict, as he can do, the assertions of those who for selfish purposes are impuguing the orderly and law abiding character of the people of his State, and those people will not forget him.

The recent Southern CommercialConvention, at New Orleans, adopted a resolution that Congress establish post routes, by steamers built and owned to the United States, between New York and New Orleans respectively, and the ports of Rio Janeiro and Buenes Ayres. Mr. Jefferson Davis and other members of the convention wanted to have the word "built' stricken out, but were oversuled. It really soems as if the de facto leaders of the South were not only demoralized by the war but were made clean daft. Otherwise it is impossible to see why a large body of them should deliberately ask Congress to pass a bill compelling any southern merchant, who may want to own a ship, to buy it in the North, when by going to

asked the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to retain in office the Second Scoretaries in London, Paris and Berlin, for paying whom no appropriation was made at last winter's session. He recommends, also, an increase of appropriation for clerk hire for consulate officers in Rio Janerie, Kanagawa, Melbourne, Berdeau, Barmen, Calcurta, Hong Kong, Dundee and Glasgow; also urges appropriation of \$5,000 for salary of a charge d'affaires for Greece.

the Ciyde he could purchase a better one for

half the money.

The General Assumbly has been sitting five days, and has not yet settled the question whether it is a called or a regular session. Judging by the previous legislative actions of a majority of the members, and by the fact that upon the decision of the question at issue depends whether each one of them shall take from the depleted treasury \$360 or \$180, we would, were we not opposed to betting, wager odds that the session will be declared to be regular.

Gen. Huton, according to the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Record.says: "I do not think there will be much financial legislation this winter. We can effect nothing, and should only lay ourselves open to criticism." We hope the General may not be mistaken in the former remark. He is certain ly correct in regard to the latter, though it was that Armstrong was only assaulted in Camcomports badly with the platform adopted by den and died in Philadelphi, and that therefore and that it is inexpedient to legislate further on the convention that nominated him.

tention of General Grant to remain abroad until the winter immediately preceding the tion of the state and shall afterwards die on the assembling of the republican national conventions of Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co.; August seembling of the republican national conventions of Messrs. Delical description assembling of the republican national conventions. tion is by no means a cause of felicitation to the kuowa aspirants for the nomination of that convention.

Colonel Albert Ordway, formerly of Richmond, has been selected to prepare a general index to the journal of Congress from its first session to the present. As the records of Congress run through 2,000 volumes the magnitude and importance of the undertaking will be readily appreciated.

The General Assembly is in another quandary beside that relating to its own status, and that is what course to pursue with regard to the action of the United States judge of the western district of Virginia in nullifying the proceedings of the State court in the case of two murderers, one of whom had been sentenced to the penitentiary. Considering existing circumstances, the handle the radicals will make of the discussion, the utter inability of the northern democrats to help us, the fact that as General Lee, our State Secator, says, our hands are yet in the lion's mouth, that the radicals already say they can do what they want without the aid of a single southern representative or a single southern member of the electoral college, the best thing the General Assembly can do is to oppose no obstacle to the onward march of imperialism. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and it a United States Court can override a State court in Virginia it can do the same, and will not be long in trying it, in Massachusetts. If the North can stand it, the South certainly can, for she is already "seasoned."

In the House of Delegates, on Saturday, Mr. Farr introduced a bill providing for submitting the repeal of the fence law, in whole crin part, to the voters of Mount Vernon and Centreville districts, in the country of Fairfax.

The amount of Internal Revenue collected in the Richmond district, the past week, was \$31,934,96.

Foreign News.

The reply of the Ameer of Afghanistan to the Viceroy of India's uhimatum has been re ceived by the Indian government. It is dated on the 19th of November, but not having reached Dakka before the 30th of that mouth, it is believed in official quarters to have been re written after the receipt of the news of the capture of Ali Musjid. The Ameer, in acknowledging the receipt of the ultimatum. criticises the professed friendly intention of the British Government and alludes to its action in the past, especially its intercession in behalf of Yakoob Khan, as contradictory of such intentions. The Ameer explains that his refusal to received General SirNeville Chamberlain's mission was not intended to be hostile, but areas from a fear of the loss of his independence, an apprehension which was confirmed by the allusion in the ultimatum to protection being given to the Khyberees who had been engaged in escorting the mission. The Ameer declares that no enmity exists between Afahanistan and the British Government; that he desires to resume the formerfriendly relations, and finally, that he will not resist the visit of a small tem porary mission.

General Roberts is erecting huts in the Peiwar Pass for a portion of his troops. It is rumored that an advaces on Jellalabad has been rdered, that the Ameer of Afghanistan hus

A rumor current that the discovery of a conspiracy caused the fall of the late Turkish ministry, has been so far unconfirmed, as well as the rumor that Server Pasha has been exil led to Siwas and Reouf Pasha to Bagdad. The policy of the new Turkish administration will include ministerial responsibilitiy. An American has been arrested at Constanti nople charged with conspiring against the Sultan. The American Legation interfered, but it is believed it will be fruitless in obtaining the

prisoner's release. The Austro Hungarian ministry hastriumph ed over the budget committee in Farliament,

and will remain in office. The expected Italian Cabinet crisis has not yet occurred, but the debate will be resumed on Monday on a motion summoning the Minis-

try to execute existing laws for the preservation of tracquility. The statement of Captain Schwensen, of the ill-fated steamer Pommerania, exonerates the officers and defends the crew of the steamer.

One of the passengers, he says, store in a lifeboat with an iron bound trunk. The election of the Duke de Cazes has been

invalidated by the French Chamber of Depu-The directors of the West of England and South Wales District Bank issued a c'roular

yesterdy, Sunday, announcing the suspension of the bank, owing to the drain upon its deposits caused by persistent and often uniusifable adverse rumors which have been circulated for weeks past. They say the books shows the bank is solvent, The directors hope to reconstruct the bank. A dispatch from Cardiff says the utmost constantion prevails in South

The West of England and South of Wales District Bank bad forty two branches. Its lia tilities are \$17,500.000. Its assets are stated at the same amount, but as they consist of local bills, which are not negotiable in London, the Bank of England refused to advance upon them. Mr. Evarts wants more money. He has The run upon the bank for the last few days has been so persistent that the cash on hand is estimated at only \$1,250,000. The sharebolders number 2,000, and their liability is unlim-

LONDON, Dec'r. 9.-A dispatch from Darmstade to the Daily Telegraph says: It is stated that the Grand Duchess of Hesse is seriously child of Queen Victoris.

has assured Count Zichy, the Austro-Hungar- | would be necessary to carry into effect the plan ian ambassedor to Constantinople, of the Porte's proposed by his Excellency's message; as to inclination to adhere to the Treaty of Berlin and expressed great anxiety to arrive at a the Constitution for the exclusive use and benfriendly und retanding with Austria.

BRISTOL, Dec'r. 9.—The circulation of the West of England and South Wales District Back was limited to \$83,535. The number of shareholders is 2,069, chiefly persons of small means, the share being nominally £20, of Federal Relations. which £15 had been paid up. The nominal capital was one million pounds, and the r acree fund £156,000. The dividened for 1877 was

The Case of Hunter

The New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals at Trenton decided on asturday the question of setting aside the judment of the Camden court in the case of Bunter, who was convicted and sentenced to be hanged for the murder of John M. Armstrong. The chief point of the defense the New Jersey court had no jurisdiction as to the subject. the question of murder. The Court of Errors held that the statute as to jurisdiction was par-To observant people the recently avowed in- ticularly clear and emphatic, and quoted is terms to the effect that if any person be feloniously stricken or poisoned within the jurisdicof the State the case shall be triable before any Rothschild; Messrs. Brown Brothers & Co.; court of oyer or terminer within the State. The Richard Irving & Co., Hugh McCulloch, esq., judgment of the Camden court is confirmed. The execution of Hunter is set down for January 10. His only hope now is a commutation of sentence, though it is stated that an effort will sentence, though it is stated that an effort will the General Assembly of this Commonwealth looks of the Capitol.

Deriver the sitting Court of the United States.

Miners' Strike.

POTISVILLE, Pa., December 9 .- The miners and laborers employed at May, Audenried & Co'e. Buck Ridge colliery, Shamokin, struck Upon the promise of Nosh Lamb and Willie work this morning. The miners demand an Hodges the ringleaders, to leave the State, nolle kept apart by the speciators. The Court of Appeals was not in session Satur.

Advance of 5 per cent on each wagon and was a member of the constitutional convention The Court of Appeals was not in session Saturday, having adjourned over from Friday till to-day looking after his claim always through the latter it is believed, will take up his residence in Brook- out of employment.

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Virginia Legislature.

In the Senate, on Saturday, bills and resclutions were introduced and referred to provide for taking the sense of the qualified voters of the State on the question of holding a constitutional convention; imposing a tax on stamps on contracts; as to the expediency of selling or leasing out the oyster interest, and if neither be practicable, to suggest the best mode of disposing of the interest; authorizing a lieu on all property kept by the keeper of a livery stable, or of a house of private entertainment, to secure the payment of all charges due for keeping the same ; to amend section 2, chapter 556, of the code, imposing certain restrictions upon incorporated companies; as to the expediency of providing by law that the schol fund of the several counties shall be retained in these counties, instead of being paid into the treasury for distribution, and to amend section 2, chapter 171 of the code, and the parts amendatory

Mr. Koiner, from the special joint committee on the status of the General Assembly, presented a report and the following resp-

Resolved, That the present session of the General Assembly is legal and constitutional. and that it is inexpedient to legislate further on

the sutject. Mr. Daniel, as a member of the committee, sabmitted a minority report, in which he con tends that it was incombent upon this Generai Assembly to definitely define its status without attempting to evade it. He contends that the present session is legal in any aspect of the case. The only practical question involved, he thicks, is that of compensation-that is, whether the members shall draw \$360 or \$180 for their services during the session. In concluding the minority report, which is signed by Mr. Dapiel alone, the following resolutions are recommended:

1. That it is only a legal and constitutional session.

2. That it is only legal and constitutional as an extra session; and that no member is entitled to more than \$180 for attendance

Mr. Hurt, of Pittspivania, offered the following as a substitute for the majority and mi nority report :

Resolved, the House of Delegates concurring. That the General Assembly, now in session, has been organized under the law, but that the salary of each member shall be only \$180 for

Mr. Hurt's substitute was rejected-ayes 3, Messrs. Hurt, of Halifax, Hurt, of Pittsylva nia, and Johnson; noes 23.

Mr. Fulkerson offered the following : Resolved by the General Assembly of Virginia. That the present session is a session in ecordance with and by virtue of the joint reso lutions approved March 12, 1878, entitled joint resolutions construing certain sections of the 5th article of the Constitution, as appliesble to the session of the General Assembly, and the act approved March 29 h, 1877, in relation to the neeting of the General Assembly.

Mr. Fulkerson, in speaking to his resolution, declared that this whole movement of endeavcring to declare this not a regular session was in the interest of the boadholders, and could be raced to persons not Virginians.

Mr. Daniel said the gentleman seemed to impugn his minority report. He wanted to know if he intended his remarks to reflect

Mr. Fulkerson-No, sir ; 1 did not reflect upon your report. Mr. Daviel-What I want to know of the

gentleman is whether he means to reflect upon me personally? Mr. Fulkerson-No, sir.

After considerable discussion, on motion of Mr. Sinclair, the subject was laid on the table and made the special and continuing order for to-day at 1 p. m.

In the House of Delegates bilis were reported rom committees to incorporate the town of Herodon, in the county of Fairfax, and providing for the submitting the repeal of the ence law, in whole or in part, to the voters of Mount Vernon and Centreville districts in Fair-

fax county.

Bills and resolutions were introduced and referred inquiring into the propriety of abolishng county superintendents of schools; inquiring into the expenses of lunatic asylums and the salaries of the officers of the same; to amend section 28 of chapter 161 of the acts of Assembly of 1875-6 in relation to the tax on merchants; to amend the code of 1873, with reference to pay of commissioners of elections; nquiring into the expediency of so amending the laws for the recordation of deeds and contrac's as to meet the omissions therein as to sales of real estate under contracts not in writing; to repeal section 14 of chapter 36 of the code of 1873, in relation to the collection of taxes by certain officers; inquiring into the ex pediency of changing the law providing for collection of taxes and compensation of county reasurers and other county officers; relating to the collection of printers' fees in legal cases; to require county and corporation treasurers to furnish to registrars liets of all persons who have paid the capitation tax for the preceding year, and to require the registrars to furnish such lists to the judges of elections at or before one opening of the polls at each election preclost; to inquire into the propriety and practicability of requiriog all taxes derived from the sale of alcoholic and mait liquors to be paid to the State in lawful money, and appropriated to the public free schools, or so much thereof as may be necessary to secure the efficiency of the ill of diphtheria. The Grand Duchess is Priscess free school system; that it would be unwise, Al ce of England, second daughter and third impolitio and oven detrimental to the interests of the Commonwealth as well as her creditors to CONSTANTINOPLE. Dec'r. 9.-The Sultan make such increase in the rate of taxation as some plan by which the amousts set apart by fig of the public schools may be secured.

> The Seaste resolution proposing the appoint ment of a committee of five senators and seven delegates to inquire into the Rives usurpation, was after debate, referred to the Committee on

Bills were passed to amend the act to fix the times of holding the circuit courts is the fourteenth judicial circuit; authorizing the trustees 8 per cent. The failure is attributed to the of Andrew Chapel congregation, of the town depression in business long prevailing in South of Harrisonburg, to execute a deed of trust on iss charch property; for the relief of the tax payers of Orange county. (It extends the time within which people may pay without incurring penalty.)

The joint special committee appointed to re port upon what sort of a session of the General

Assembly this is, presented the following: Resolved, That the present session of the General Assembly is legal and constitutional,

The consideration of the resolution was pass-

A resolution requesting the Governor to ic-vite Messre, S. G. & G. C. Ward, attorneys and Charles M. Fry, esq., to visit Richmond at their carliest convenience and confer with ginia, was, after debate, referred.

RIGTERS BANISHED. - The grand jury of Princess Anne county, Va, on Friday found true bills of indictment against the colored men participating in the election riot at Kerapsville.

Letter from Richmond.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. the hall of the House of Delegates was granted to-day to W. W. Berry, esq., who will lecture Tuesday night on "The Comic Side of Life." Mr. Berry was at one time editor of the Richmond Enquirer, and a gentleman well calculated to know the comic side of life. Some of his stump speeches during the Walker campaign were worthy of Vance.

Mr. Hunter, of Alexandria, was prompt this session in getting his dog bill before the house. A stranger coming to Richmond just now would be struck at once with the fact that the legislature is meeting under the new salary re- critical condition. duction bill. The hotels are comparatively deserted, and the member who once discoursed politics and smoked cigars in the gay crowd thronging the hotel corridors now sine his tea and says sweet nothings to the boarding house keeper's pretty daughter. While this may not be so legislature like, still it may be said to have a softening influence on some of the most obdu-

rate bachelors in the General Assembly. It can be said in all truth that there are many members who really did not desire to come back this year, and when they did come they came for business-no doubt about that, Therefore it is safe to say that much real busi-

ness will be transacted this session. The prospects of the James River Railroad are improving, and the passage of the bill is now probable. It will meet with some opposi tion in the House, and probably none in the

For the benefit of the public schools and the anxious teachers therein it may be stated that the schools will be placed on a more secure basis then at present. Whatever happens the schools will get their money. There is no division of sentiment on this point, readjuster and debt payer being alike agreed that the schools must be saved, although differing in the mode of doing so.

Your correspondent was struck with what has seemed to be a willingness on the part of both factions in the legislature to come together and he so remarked to a live member. "Ab!" said the member, "these are only little legislative courtesies that are due. There are some things in the legislative life that newspaper men cau not understand as there are some things among the newspaper men that legislators cannot understand. You just wait until about a month and there will be the dashdest time you ever

In a body as large as the Legislature of Vir gioia if a reporter keeps his cars on the alert he can generally hear one good story. And so it was when a Senator stepped in the House this morning he was accosted by a Delegate from a county in the Alexandria Senatorial district who at once preceeded to tell his brother members a good story on the Senator. The Senator, he said, was recently speaking at a young ladies, some of whom were loud in their applause of the hits made by the Senator who is a handseme man. Somehow the Senator undertook to say a word to the male portion of his audience and began to take up in a mild way for those men who sometimes indulge a little too much in the ardent, and he concluded in this way :- "Well my friends the ladies sometimes indulge too and that's what's the matter with Hannah.

Then from among the front beach lead of hoopskirts and silks rose in majestia fury the form of a spinster well preserved, and as sho stood up in the assembly the river breeze un loosened her hair and added the finishing touches to this strange senescence of a woman yet imbued with fire of wild Meg Merreles berself. She rushed upon the astonished speaker and as she brought her parasol down on his uplifted head she said:-"I'll teach you how to say I am druok. You are a base lier." Her name

was Miss Hannah. It is understood that Dr. Robiosoc, of Norfolk, will oppose the James River Railroad bill when it gets in the House. This will be the first subject perhaps upon which there will be

any debate. Several of the judges of the Circuit Courts opposition, but what the strength of it is can not yet be determined.

Washington Notes.

Reported for the Alexandria Gazette.] Among the bills introduced in the House to. day was one by Gen. Hunton for the relief of the heirs of James Broaders, of the 2ad regi ment of the continental line in the war of the Revolution; one by Mr. Goode, to remove the political disabilities of W. H. Wood, and divers to state, was stricken with paralysis. I learn others by sundry members with reference to that she improves very slowly.

the currency, all of which were referred. In the House to day Mr. Page, of California, in a successful effort to have his name printed in the newspapers, introduced a bill providing for the reduction of the congressional represenconsequence of alleged frauds and intimidations practiced in that State at the last election.

In the Senate Mr. Windom made a speech against the existing patent laws, which he said.

At the conclusion of Mr. Windom's speech. contrary to the expectations of only a few, Mr. Blaine did not move to take up his resolution with regard to alleged southern outrages, but, on motion of Mr. Edmunds, that gentleman's bill to amend the presidential election laws was taken up and considered. This bill provides State courts and he ready for Congress by the Ist of January; that when there is but one return from a State it will require the consent of Episcopalians here, and hereafter regular serboth houses to reject it, and that when there | vices will be held. are two returns from any one State the consent of both houses to admit either one of them. Mr. Merrimon, it is understood, will oppose this bill, though most of the southern members and many of those from the North will support it. Its main opponeous, it is supposed, will

come from the ultra wing of the radicale. In the House, to day, Mr. Ackins, from Tenoessee, had read a paragraph from the ournal of the proceedings of the last session. Rainey and Senator Conover fully and completely exonerating him from all blame, and he had been unable to discover the author of May 16; penalty \$3 to \$.0. the incorrect paragraph referred to.

session in the Senate to day, and was warmly will reorganize at their room adjoining the tively in the coming season, after the anxieties greeted by his colleagues of both parties.

calleries of both the Senate and House this session is the almost entire absence of the col ored element among the spectators. The gal- | work of caring for the poor, is earnestly and cor-

democratic control of the House, and its in-

is notably apparent to those accustomed to the tion of its design or working. We would only looks of the Capitol. Dariog the sitting of the committee on the expenses of the State Department to-day when | work together for the common and sole purpose the case of Mr. Seward, consul general to of alleviating suffering among the poor. The

Mr. John T. Armstrong, of Alexandria,

Court of Claims, and a bill for the payment of which has already been reported. He was RIGHMOND, VA., December 7 .- The use of promised by Mr. Shelley, chairman of the committee that reported it, that it should be called up next Friday.

ECTS OF the Bay.

John Bird, the colored fratricide, who was o have been hung at Hampton, Friday, has been respited until January 3.

Senator Sargeant expects to be able to leave Washington this week for the Bahamas for the and could expose the rascals if they would, canbenefit of his health, and will remain until after not be induced to do so. Probably this is true the holidays.

Ottawa, Canada, Saturday, broke through, our people must remember that honesty in the One was drowned and another rescued in a abstract is a broad subject, and covers a wider There will be a general resumption of work

region's share of 1,000,000 tons additional alottment for the year, about two weeks' work. The application of Thomas A. Edison for a patent for his electric light has been favorably passed upon by the Patent Office, at Washing-

ton, and the patent will be issued Tuesday. O'Leary accomplished the feat of walking 400 miles in 124 hours in Philadelphia last week, having 45 minutes to spare at the close Saturday night. The last six miles were made in I hour 8 minutes.

The United States steamer Quinnebaug went on a trial trip from Nerfolk Saturday, up the Chesapeako bay to Wolf Trup, 105 miles, aver aging thirteen knots an hour, propelled by three were convicted jointly for one offence, steam only, no sails being used. Four squares of buildings, comprising the

entire business portion of Macon, Miss., were bureed on Thursday night of last week. Among the buildings destroyed are the Masonic and the one dellar a piece, which they finally got Odd Fellow's Halls. Loss about \$200,000; insurance \$100,000. The total valuation of property in Tennessee,

as shown by the Comptroller is \$223,212,153. The total tax is \$223,212. The decrease in the assessment, as compared with that of the year 1877, is \$13,696,695. Percentage of de-The Louisispa Funding Board will meet to

day in New Orleans to endeavor to make such figancial arrangements as will enable the State o pay the January interest on consols. It is believed at least \$200 000, in addition to the aterest fand on hand, will be required.

The failures in New York Saturday included Olyphant & Co., one of the oldest commission houses in the China trade, with liabilities esti mated \$250,000; Huot & Dasenbury, batters, liabilities about \$35,000; F. W. Feloh & Co., wooden ware dealers, liabilities estimated at

Miss Louisa W. King, one of the most ucdied at Augusta, Ga., Saturday night, after a | go further than this to find a reason way in very brief illness. Although a young woman she was the founder of the Widows' Home and public meeting at which there were old and of the State Society for the Prevention of Crucity to Actuals.

A snow and sleet storm set in St. Louis Saturday evening, and turned to heavy rain dur ing the night. Snow fell Saturday all along the come forward and save their honor, while they railroads from St. Louis west, the centre of the pass and repass unheeding the recorded ev. storm apparently being at or in the vicinity of Kansas City, where the show was ten inches Every person who knows abything of the negro deep last night.

The United States steamer Ticonderoga sailed from Hampton Roads Satuday for Libe ris. One of Commodore Schuteldt's duries while in Liberia will be to act as commissioner for the Liberian Government in settling the dis puted boundary line between that country and the British possessions.

The report that General Grant was to join Commodore Shufeldt in his roving diplomation mission to the west coast of Africa is authorita- of future assistance. As it is they had better tively denied from Washington. He has been | learn to cultivate the sudiments of honor and invited to visit Asia in Admiral Patterson's flasship Richmond, and will probably embark at Villa Franche and proceed to Hon Koog via of the course on Saturday evening, 7th tostant. the Sucz Canal. His visit to Asia will have no to a fair and appreciative audienc . The prediplomatic significance.

Nancy Lynch, a negro woman in Richmond. who received twenty five lashes on Monday last for stealing iron from the Chesspeake and Onio tation by Miss Anna McCorwick of Miss. who are to be elected in a few days will have Rai road Company, has been sentenced to the Browning's "Woman and Poet." Prefessor penitentisry for housebreaking and stealing Obickering lectured on "What shall we teach four watches for a term of two years. Nancy our children." Starting out with a comparison having served a previous term in the penitentiary will have five years added, making seven | tional ideas, and exposing the defects of the in all that she bas to serve.

Affairs in Louisa County.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Louisa C. H., Dec. 5 .- During the fall season Mrs. Julia E. Bickers, of this town, I am sorry

The store room occupied by R. J. Satter- vancement, to provide for the primary educawhite, of this place, was entered a few days since, and some goods, consisting of whiskey and bacon, stolen. On the same night of the unlimited extent, to such pupils as show and tation from South Carolina to two members, in robbery of Satterwhite Mr. Appleby's meat establishment was entered by a thief, and all the beef stolen. A search warrant having been obtained, the house of Samuel Poindexter, colo. i, was searched, and a place in the floor redound to the benefit of kraves and speculators | that had the appearance of being a sort of floer instead of to that of the real deserving inven- door being observed, it was opened and a sort of "robbers' cave" was presented to view. Under the floor all the stolen articles were found except the whiskey. Blankets, supposed to have been stolen from the hotel, and numerous other articles were also there. Poindexter was natural movement into sectariants w, arrested, and he acknowledges having stolen

the goods. A colored woman is now confined in the for the election in October; for the legality of county jail for murder, she having crushed the returns when questioned to be decided by the | read of another woman with rocks, I believe. Both parties are colored people.

Rev. Mr. Grammer is to preach for the

GAME LAW .- The following is the game law for the portion of Maryland, just opposite and adjacent to this city:

"In Prince George's county rabbits are not to be killed except between October 15 and Febraary 1, fine \$5; partridges not to be trapped at any time and not to be killed except between

October 19 and December 20 No non-resident shall kill any bird without consent of the owner fland or mereb. No ortolan, sora or rail-bird New York Herald of the 6th instant, charging is to be killed upon the marshes of the Patuxent him with being mainly instrumental in causing or Patapaco rivers bordering on said county exthe Hot Springs bill to be omitted from the leept between Septemper 5, and November 1, under penalty of \$5 No trout or salmon fish Mr. Atkins then had read letters from Mr. shall be taken in the waters of the eastern branch of the Potomac and its tributaries in Prince George's county in two years from April 5, 1878, and after that time they are only to be taken said that though he had made diligent enquiry | with the hook and line between August 15 and

Par The Ladies' Union Relief for the Poor A noticeable feature in the appearance of the alleries of both the Senate and House this it at 2 calcab. A few attention, December of prosperity that will enable us to keep up our bers, and of all who are willing to assist in the a large number of the lazy colored the plan of work of the society, as well as the Borsy's narrow gauge railroad; the honors so dially requested, as several important changes in people of the district, but whether from the annual election of officers will be brought before the meeting. "The Relief" has become so escrease in the Senate or not, the great falling off | tablished an institution of our city that it is in the number of colored people in the galleries | carce'y worth while to enter into any explana--ladies of all the Protestant denominations seem to justify his statements. It cannot be China, was under consideration, the lie passed regular work of the Relief will not commence between that gentleman and ex consul Wiley | until after Christmas, but it is exceedingly im-Wells, when the latter advanced upon the portant that the election of officers and the maformer in a hostile attitude, but the two were turing of the plan of work for the ensuing winter be attended to immediately so that the society may be ready for the severo weather which was at the Capitol to-day looking after his claim | always brings such bitter suffering upon the LADIES' UNION RELIEF.

petty depredations, all of which have so far gone undiscovered and unpunished. Our peo. ple complain that they are unable to detect the perpetrators of these petry larcenies, and that the parties who are cognizant of the offences to a certain extent, and that informers might A number of boys skating on the canal at | be obtained if the proper means were used, but field than the mere abstaining from taking oth er people's property by force. Oa the 28th of in the Schuykili (Pa.) coal region to day on the February, 1877, at a time when these petry depredations were almost as numerous as now. a meeting was held in the village, and twenty six men pledged their honor to pay any inform er one dollar a piece for every oriminal convicted upon the evidence of such informer. Short ly afterward three negroes were convicted of

Letter from Falls Church.

FALLS CHURCH, Va., Dec. 9.-Every day,

almost, adds to the chronicle of pilferings and

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette,]

the larceny of a lot of corp, upon the information and testimony of Chas. Turner and Philin Mills. The subscribers were called on to pay up, and then began the display of as much lack of honesty on their part as upon the part of those they were endeavoring to punish. In stead of paying one dellar for each of the three criminals convicted, as in honor and honesty bound, they cavilled about it, and because all insisted that they should pay but one dollar each; thus, at the first slap, repudiation two thirds of a voluntary obligation. Not other this but there was great dilateriness in paying even the consent of the informers to accept and to this day, tweety one months after the salema pledge they made, and more than twelve months after the conviction of the offenders. but twelve of the twenty six have paid any thing. In the meantime Charles Turner was taken ill, and the negroes reported among themselves that he had been conjured for informing upon other members of his race. He and Philip Mills became prescribed men by their former associates and friends and were practically estracised. Turner grew worse and had to dep-ad upon his wife friends for the dole of a lukewarm charity, and yet these de linquent subscribers failed to give him his daes even when existing upon the charities of his physician and a few neighbors. Finally he died, and then one last appeal was made on these men, for the petty sum due him, for the purpose of giving him a Christian burial, and yet to this day fourteen of those twenty six have foresword their solemn pledges and not paid the petry sum of one dollar apiece das complished and prominent women of the South, | bim. Do reasoning, sensible beings require to formers easeet be found to furnish the nee s sary evidence to convist for these offences This is no secret; for twelve crouths the re-

cord of dishonesty of these men has hung in a prominent place in the postoffice at Falls Church, mutely pleading to them to dence of their dishonorably repudiated pledge race, its superstitions, and its clannishness, must know that the effect of this transactive has been to unite them more firmly in their brotherhood of race, and to almost completely bar the prospect of obtaining further informa tion from among them against one of their own numbers. These people have only themselves to blame. Had they been hooest and true to their obligations and to those who had sacrificed their prejudices of race to accommodate and assist them, they might have had some hips

Prof. Cnickering delivered the fith lectur.

honesty among themselves,

liminary exercises consisted of music by Alra. Eastman, Misses Carrie Parker and Carrie Pond, and Mesers. Pond and Stone, and a reci between the imperial and democracia educaformer in its application in a democracy, he developed the most radical and therough idea of education I have ever heard advanced in Virginia, and made me think for awhile that I had got back into Yankee land where people believe in education. He asserted the principle that no man had a right to cast a ballot that could not read the same, and that it was the duty of the State, for its own safety and ad tion of all its children to a degree that would qualify them for the general pursuits of life, and to farnish the meaus of education, to an tude and capacity for any special training. The general curriculum proposed by him was suffi cient to stock an incipient university and would astonish the Virginia Board of Education. Radical as my own views are the gentleman went a bow shot beyond in one particular, notice ably, when he proposed to istroduce education in theology in the public schools. If he proposes to centice his publicly taught theology to natural theology, without branching into polemio theology, and from thence by might consent to its admission; otherwis I beg leave to object. The illegality and un constitutionality of any such appropriation public funds must be apparent to every consttational student, and I have no doubt that properly construed, the loading of the Bible in the public schools is illegal and an outrage upon the rights of those who either do not believe !! it at all, or have only a qualified belief there is or who believing therein as inspired are accus-tomed to take their interpretations of its mean-ing from cerical lips alone. Thus modified, while I should be pleased to have the gentle-man's ideas prevail, I am afraid both he and I are as wofully in the minority in Virginia that we will both be elder before any such educational standard will be adopted in this State though the fact that such a standard had been adopted would be the very best argument dulys Johns n could advance as an inducement !

northern immigration.

The next lecture of the course will be deliver ed Tuesday evening. Dec'r. 17 h. by Ray Mr. Waugh, of Dulin Chapel, on "Moods of the

M. S. Roberts has bought four acres of tand from John H. Hollidge at \$100 per acre. indicates a return to specio basis. The same and other land of a similar character and situation was held and sold five years ago at from \$200 to \$250 per acre, and now if our people having land to dispose of and desire to induce settlement will come to the same standard re sattending the resumption of specie payment advanced movement and the superiority we have so long held over the rest of the county. George B. Ives with his grist mill has nearly two years been running a race with Mr. graded, and lves has succeeded in getting bit building up, but the motive power is deficient in each as yet and we are anxious to see which will win. Major Borst is still confident of his ultimate success in constructing his read, and the assurances of assistance he is receiving would

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